UNION LABEL

CITY NOTES.

Select council will meet tonight.

The school board and select council will meet tonight.

The funeral of Mrs. George Mitchell will take place this afternoon at 2:30 from her home, in Green Ridge.

Coroner S. P. Longstreet will remove his office and residence on April 1 from 206 to 409 Wyoming avenue.

Contractor P. F. Mulligan yesterday resumed work on the Shultz court sewer. The work was stopped by cold weather in December.

This city and its vicinity will send about thirty delgates to the national convention of the Improved Order of Heptasophs at Louisville, Ky., in May.

Marriage licenses were yesterday granted to Louis Erable and Beatrice Tovell, of Scranton; Emerson A. Highfield and Kate E. Hill, of Scranton; Fred Snyder, of Scott, and Carrie Decker, of Waverly.

Dr. C. L. Frey will remove his offices on April 1 to the Jewell building, at 205 Spruce street. The removal is merely temporary, however, until the new Savings Bank building is completed, in which the doctor is to have a pleasant suite of rooms fronting on Wyoming avenue. It is expected that the bank building will be completed by September 1.

A Traction company car in charge of Motorman John Lynch traveled fifty feet on the ties yesterday afternoon and the twenty-four passengers were badly shaken up, though no one was seriously hurt. The point where the car went off the track is on the Taylor borough northern line at the exact place where the borough constables had a fuss with the Traction employes some months ago. The car came around the steep curve at the point and when the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western branch tracks were struck the wheels flew off and the momentum of the car carried it as far as Oak street.

SEMON'S COMPANY AT DAVIS'.

Entertained Large Audiences Afternoon and Evening.

Harry W. Semon's Extravaganza company began a three days' engagement at Davis' theater yesterday and entertained large audiences afternoon and evening. The performance opened with a burlesque entitled "A Lawn Party" in which a number of the members of the company were seen in specialties.

Then came the olio, one of the marvelous features of which was the perpendicular ladder balancing of Samuel Burt. Nothing like it has ever been seen in this city. Florence Zeller, change artist, and Louise Carver, the new woman, were well received by the audience. The Princeton Sisters did the neatest dancing specialty seen in the theater for a long time. There were a number of other good features to the olio and the performance concluded with a burlesque "While New York Sleeps."

The title has nothing to do with the burlesque. Delicacy is not the strongest recommendation of the skit. The company will be at Davis' today and tomorrow afternoons and evenings.

FOR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

South Side Teamster Arrested Yesterday by Special Officer Mink.

Thomas Murray was arrested on the South Side yesterday morning by Special Officer Fred Mink on a charge of cruelty to animals. Murray was driving a heavy load of coal and he was beating his horse shamefully.

At the hearing before Alderman Wright he promised to be more careful in the future and he was discharged.

Removal.

Dr. L. M. Gates has removed his office to rooms 207 and 208 (second floor), Board of Trade building, Linden street, opposite Court House. **

Lauer & Marks' Spring Clothing

Opening tomorrow, all day and evening. **

To the Ladies.

Grand millinery opening at Jenkins & Morris' today and tomorrow, 406 Spruce street. **

MAYOR'S REPORT FLATLY IGNORED

His Kinsley Letter Is Met by Pronounced Counter-Action.

CHITTENDEN RESOLUTION PASSES

Common Council Votes to Remove the Street Commissioner--Mayor Bailey Writes That Mr. Kinsley Has Not Wronged the City Financially--Slight Amendment That Will Send the Resolution Back to Select Council for Action.

Common council last night concurred in the Chittenden resolution of the upper branch that it would be to the best interests of the city if Street Commissioner Kinsley were removed from office.

The action was taken notwithstanding a report by Mayor Bailey on the recent investigation that the street commissioner had not wronged the city

STREET COMMISSIONER KINSLEY.

financially and that he had resigned, the resignation to take effect April 30. The passage of the resolution in the face of the mayor's communication was termed by the opponents to the resolution as a slap at the city's chief executive. The majority, however, argued that the street commissioner deserved dismissal and that there was no occasion for recognizing the resignation, heeding the mayor's verdict or waiting for a detailed report from him.

It required one hour's debate and a score of motions, amendments and withdrawals to finally pass the resolution by the following vote of 16 to 4:

Ayes—Gordon, Grier, S. Thomas, R. Thomas, Regan, Gilroy, Flanagan, Wenzel, P. Wirth, Sweeney, Neails, Oliver, Zeidler, Noone, McGrail, Norton—16.

Nays—Loftus, Moir, Seamans, Keller—4.

Absent—G. Wirth.

THE MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION.

Mayor Bailey's communication was as follows:

Scranton, Pa., March 25, 1897.

To the Common Council.

In reference to the resolution received by me from your honorable body requesting information on the matter of the investigation of affairs in the street commissioner's office, I would state that the councilmanic committee and myself have not yet prepared a complete report. I would briefly state that Mr. Kinsley has tendered his resignation to take effect April 30 and that in my opinion the testimony adduced does not warrant the assumption that the city was wronged financially by any act of Mr. Kinsley's. I shall be glad to send to you my completed report when it has been written.

J. G. Bailey, Mayor.

Following is the Chittenden resolution with the words "at once" added as an amendment:

Resolved, by the select council of the city of Scranton, the common council concurring, that it is the opinion of the councils that the interests of the city would be best served by the removal of the present street commissioner and his assistant at once, and the city clerk is requested to convey notice of this action to the mayor.

When the reports of special committees were called for Mr. Flanagan presented the mayor's letter which was read by the clerk. Mr. Oliver's motion that the letter be laid on the table was followed by Mr. Gilroy's offer to receive the document and file it.

Mr. Flanagan reported verbally his conversations with the mayor and street commissioner yesterday morning. Mayor Bailey, said Mr. Flanagan, asked Mr. Kinsley to make the resignation effective at once and the latter asked that his answer be deferred until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when he informed the mayor the resignation would have to take effect not before April 30. Mr. Flanagan concluded that Mr. Kinsley should resign at once.

INCONSISTENCY CHARGED.

Mr. Oliver said Mayor Bailey was inconsistent if he considered the street commissioner guiltless and at the same time urged his immediate resignation. He (Mr. Oliver) thought Mr. Kinsley had a fair trial and its result indicated that he should be peremptorily asked to resign now.

The final action was probably suggested by Mr. Neails' asking for the present status of the Chittenden resolution. It was determined by a reference to the minutes that the measure had been referred to the special committee and President Grier ruled that it might be considered as then before the meeting.

Mr. Gilroy renewed his motion to place the mayor's letter on file and it was adopted. The Chittenden resolution was read at Mr. Neails' request and he moved that the meeting concur in the action of the upper branch. Mr. Oliver's amendment that the words "at once" be inserted to the resolution was adopted and Mr. Noone moved that the measure pass.

Mr. Keller then proceeded to open the debate for the hopeless minority. He argued that the mayor was the only source of evidence on the matter, officially, and as far as councils were concerned, and to take action counter to the mayor's conclusion would be nothing less than "jumping on a man when he is down." The passage of the resolution, which was introduced and passed in select council long before the mayor's letter was received, would be ridiculing the city's chief executive.

HAD EVIDENCE ENOUGH.

Mr. Flanagan said that no matter what the mayor reported he (Mr. Flanagan) had evidence enough to warrant Mr. Kinsley's removal. Mr. Keller argued that nothing was officially evidence unless it was a legal decision or the report by the mayor.

Mr. Oliver brought down upon himself a severe scoring from Captain Moir. The former remarked that if the present street commissioner should be permitted to continue in office until April 30 he would have a chance to mismanage the 1897 appropriations in his department. Captain Moir took serious objections to Mr. Oliver's intimation and said that persecution was bad enough without slander being injected into the matter. It was quite unnecessary to charge the street commissioner with a serious offense a month before he could commit it.

Captain Moir continued his remarks and used much the same arguments as had Mr. Keller—that councils should be bound by the mayor's conclusions.

It was Mr. Zeidler's opinion that no matter what the mayor said, councils were not bound to abide by an official verdict; the members knew that Mr. Kinsley had been guilty of wrong-doing and that was sufficient.

"Persecution and not prosecution" was what Mr. Seamans termed Mr. Zeidler's and particularly Mr. Oliver's remarks. If councils adopted the resolution it would be holding the mayor of the city up to ridicule, and particularly in view of Mr. Kinsley's resignation, would be a ruthless and unwarranted action.

Mr. Keller again obtained recognition and announced that neither Mr. Flanaghan, Mr. Zeidler or himself, the special committee, had disagreed with Mayor Bailey when he had suggested that the best interests of the city would be served by Mr. Kinsley's remaining until April 30 in office. That was the disposition of the committee a week ago. The resolution if passed would be an unnecessary stain. If Mayor Bailey had concluded that the street commissioner should be removed, he (Mr. Keller) would have been the first to approve the conclusion.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

An aye and nay vote was called for and the resolution was adopted by the vote of 16 to 4 recorded in the foregoing. The resolution by the addition of the words "at once" will have to be returned to select council, from whence it sprung, for concurrence.

SEWER DISTRICT NO. 19.

Ordinance Defining Its Limits Given a Knockout Blow.

The ordinance creating new Sewer district No. 19 was given a knockout blow in common council last night after the members had been put in fighting trim by the squabble over the Kinsley matter. By a vote of 11 to 7 the sewer ordinance was defeated on third reading. It did not provide for the building of sewers but was to establish the district in the Fifth, Sixth, Fifteenth and Eighteenth wards. The chief opposition came from the Sixth and Eighteenth ward representatives. Following is the vote on which the motion to pass the ordinance was defeated:

Nays—Loftus, Gordon, Grier, Regan, Gilroy, Flanagan, Wenzel, P. Wirth, Neails, Noone, Norton.—11.

Yeas—S. Thomas, R. Thomas, Moir, Sweeney, Oliver, Keller, McGrail—7.

Mr. Oliver called the ordinance up. That 95 per cent. of the property owners of a certain territory were opposed to the measure was stated by Mr. Noone.

Mr. Regan remarked that the method of assessment was illegal according to a late decision of the supreme court and that City Solicitor Torrey was his authority. His constituents,he continued, wanted sewers but objected to the boundaries of the district which should contain two sewer district instead of one.

MR. OLIVER'S ARGUMENT.

Mr. Oliver said the district as outlined was the result of two years' careful study and engineering by the city engineer who had reached the only feasible conclusion. A separate system for west of Main avenue and involving Keyser creek as a final outlet was not practical. The creek was dry during portions of the year and at other times contained only mine water. If that route was selected for an outlet, a main sewer would have to be built for three miles down the creek to its junction with the Lackawanna river at Taylor.

Richard E. Thomas made a speech to the effect that the ward he represented needed sewers and he hoped the project would not be defeated.

Mr. Noone read resolutions adopted Tuesday at a meeting of the Sixth and Eighteenth ward property owners protesting against the ordinance, announcing their belief that their wards should not be included in the district as outlined and requesting their representatives in councils to oppose it.

The debate lasted a half hour before the vote was recorded.

A long report by a special committee recommending the payment of $2,000 to Muldoon & Bowe for extra masonry work on the Spruce and Linden street bridges was adopted.

Claims against the city were, on recommendation of a special committee, ordered settled as follows: Frank Shiffer, $500; United Security company, $175; C. P. Jones, $40.

The appropriation ordinance for 1897 expenditures passed third and final reading and is now ready for consideration in the upper branch tonight.

A select council ordinance providing for a sewer on Washington avenue in the Eleventh ward was called up on third reading, but action was deferred because the plans and specifications were not attached.

An adjournment was taken until next Thursday night.

LAUER & MARKS.

Spring Opening of Clothing and Furnishings Tomorrow.

The well known firm of Lauer & Marks, 321 and 323 Lackawanna avenue, have remodelled their stores to such an extent that they now have the two handsomest stores in the city. Their spring opening will take place tomorrow and will continue all day and evening, to which the public is invited. We carry the largest stock and the latest styles for men, boys and children in clothing, hats and furnishing goods, and our prices will be the lowest in the city. **

REDUCED PRICES.
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Coursen's Philadelphia
Print Butter,
25c. per lb.

Removal of Office.

Dr. S. P. Longstreet will on April 1 remove his office and residence from 206 to 409 Wyoming avenue. **

To the Ladies.

Grand millinery opening at Jenkins & Morris' today and tomorrow, 406 Spruce street. **

Tomorrow,

Day and evening, opening of spring styles in clothing and furnishings. Lauer & Marks. **

Notice.

We are still doing business at the same old stand where we have been for twenty-two years past and most respectfully solicit the patronage of the public as heretofore in awnings, tents, flags and all kinds of society goods and decorations.

** S. J. Fuhrman & Bro.

THAT ONE-ARMED BUGLER-PREACHER

Writes a Book Telling All About Himself and His Travels.

IS AN INTERESTING CHARACTER

He Was a Bugler in the Confederate Army, but Now Summons Men to Be Saved Instead of Killed--His Religious Views Do Not Entirely Concord with the Generally Adopted Ones, but Such Is the Perversity of the World at Large.

Nearly everyone in the city at one time or another during the past winter has no doubt seen a one-armed man with a bugle and a far-reaching voice holding forth as an evangelist on some street corner or another in the central city. Many have wondered, possibly who he is and what he is and

REV. JOHN CAVANAUGH.

to enlighten them he has issued a book telling all about himself in his own peculiar style of narration.

After reading the book one cannot fail to regard him as a very odd character. His name is Rev. John Cavanaugh, pastor in the New York conference of the Free Methodist church and in charge of this sect's interests in Scranton and Waverly. He was born in Richmond, Va., and served in the Confederate army as a bugler, which latter fact is attested by B. H. Robertson, "late Brigadier General, C. S. A.," who in an open letter made a part of the book announces that the said John Cavanaugh served honestly and faithfully in his command. The same bugle he formerly sounded the call for men to come up and get killed, he says, he now uses to summon them to be saved.

CONVERTED IN 1872.

He was converted in 1872 and in three weeks was entirely sanctified. Immediately he began work as a street preacher and traveling evangelist, going hither and thither preaching sermons, distributing red-hot tracts and painting torrid texts in glowing letters on fences and rocks throughout the country. He spent ten years in Washington, D. C., and then came north circulating through New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, holding pastorates at times but generally being a wanderer. Last fall he was sent here by the New York conference and expects to remain with us for some time. This is how he treats of us in the chapter describing his work at Scranton:

"I came here last fall, sent by conference 1896. This is a coal mining country, and many thought this place would finish me; but I guess they made a mistake, for I never found anywhere any more noble hearted people. My street meetings are wonderful; great crowds stand for hours at the time, and are hungry for the truth; this place has over 100,000 inhabitants; there are lots of churches here; also the Salvation Army and the Volunteers. I am not going to pass judgment on them, the bible will do that, if they do not come up to it."

AN ORIGINAL STYLE.

One thing in the book that is peculiarly original is the author's unhesitating style of letting the public into the secret that he is doing about the only real religious work that is being done hereabouts or in fact in any other place. Preachers who receive salaries—well he refrains from saying exactly what he thinks about them but hopes that the good Lord will open their eyes to the truth. A church that will hold fairs and grab-bag festivals and suppers and such like might as well throw up its hands, according to Brother Cavanaugh's way of thinking. Ministers who are given to what he calls "bread and butter" preaching have his sympathy. He terms his own style of exhorting "boarding house hash" preaching, because his sermons have a little of everything in them. And this, those who have heard him will as a rule generously concede. He excuses his severity in attacking the weaknesses of this degenerate race by asking "Would you have taken a tack hammer to drive a railroad spike?"

IT IS INTERESTING.

The book withall is interesting and in parts amusing. Some of his experiences are quite novel and he tells them in an entertaining kind of way. For instance up in Liberty Falls, N. Y., he painted on a huge rock by the wayside "The Lead Hates Pride."

Later he learned much to his grief and peace of mind that the rock in question fronted the residence of a not overly even tempered gentleman named Pride. Many other quite as interesting anecdotes are related and all in all the book is worth reading.

Removal of Office.

Dr. S. P. Longstreet will on April 1 remove his office and residence from 206 to 409 Wyoming avenue. **

250 XX White Envelopes for 17c. at 3c. Store, 523 Lack'a. ave. **

DIDN'T OWN A DOG.

The Evidence Was Very Much Against Her, However.

A sample of the complaints of unjust assessments daily heard by the board of tax revision in the city clerk's office, appeared yesterday in the appeal of a woman who had been assessed for owning a dog. She was a "poor lone widow," as are many who make appeals.

"Didn't you own a dog in 1895?" she was asked.

"No, I didn't," she snapped.

"Well, you paid tax on such an animal."

"I don't care if I did—that ain't got nothing to do with this year. If I paid tax on a dog you're a lot of cheats so you ain't!"

The assistant assessor for the Fifth ward happened to be in the room and remarked:

"I saw a dog near this woman's house and threw a stone at him. He ran barking into the yard and stood yelping alongside this woman who appeared in the doorway, attracted there by the commotion. I asked her if that was her dog and she said 'You bet your life he is and if you don't clear out of this I'll know the reason why.'"

Such evidence overwhelmed the complainant and she flounced herself out of the room with the remark "It's a gang of dirty robbers, you ain't!"

It was the inning of Fifth ward property owners before the board yesterday. Ninth ward appeals will be heard today, Tenth ward tomorrow and Eleventh ward on Monday.

HEALTH STATISTICS.

Contained in the Annual Reports of the Officials of the Board of Health.

The student of death rates and local health statistics in general may derive a fund of particular information along those lines in the annual reports of board of health officials. The reports have just been compiled and published and relate to the calendar year of 1896.

There were 1,525 deaths during the year, or about 29 per week. There were 134 interments of bodies still born or brought here from outside the city. Of the total number 868 were males, 667 females and the remainder were not stated. Out of the corresponding large number of death only 492 were married. Following are some of the nationalities: United States, 877; Ireland, 208; Wales, 148; Germany, 127; Russia or Poland, 87; England, 52; Hungary, 35; Italy, 24.

The Fourth ward shows the greatest number of deaths, 115. There were 108 deaths in the Fifth ward, 103 in the Nineteenth, 99 in the Sixth and Second, and 93 in the Eleventh. The Eighteenth shows the best return with only 22 deaths.

Nearly a third of all the burials, or 501, were in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery. There were 286 in Washburn street cemetery, 153 in Forest Hill cemetery, and 113 in Dunmore cemetery. The most common causes of complaint were: Convulsions (infantile), in 123 cases; pneumonia, 117 cases; cholera infantum, 82; diphtheria, 65; heart disease, 60; consumption, 58; meningitis, 55; bronchitis, 49; apoplexy, 46.

Estimating the city's population at 102,000, the death rate per 1,000 inhabitants was 16.1; excluding accidental deaths and still births the rate was 14.99.

There were 635 marriages, the largest number in any one month being the 85 in April. In December there were 68, and in July 63. Only 31 took place in March and 34 in August.

A total of 1,607 births, 82 more than the deaths, were reported. The banner birth months were May with 183 and September with 176. Only 85 births took place in June.

Of contagious diseases reported there were 270 cases of diphtheria, 142 of scarlet fever, 58 of typhoid fever, 34 of measles, 14 of whooping cough and one from membraneous croup, a total of 519.

At the crematory 24,991 barrels of garbage and 131 dead animals were burned.

It was estimated by Milk Inspector Cullen that 7,500,000 quarts of milk were consumed in the city during the year.

EXCITEMENT IN NO. 3 SCHOOL.

Jets of Flame That Shot Up Through the Floor the Cause.

The visit of the members of the building committee of the board of control to the schools of the South Side was enlivened by an exciting incident in No. 3 school yesterday morning.

Some paper had been thrown into the register in Miss Penman's room on the third floor and as there was a warm fire in the furnace the paper was soon set on fire and smoke and jets of flame began to shoot up through the register.

The pupils became greatly excited, but Miss Penman counseled them to keep cool and a panic was averted. A few pails of water extinguished the blaze, but it was deemed best to dismiss school for the remainder of the morning to give the pupils an opportunity to recover from the scare caused by the fire.

The members of the building committee were in the building at the time of the excitement and assisted the teachers in restoring order and quieting the children.

THE EGGS MIGHT HAVE SPOILED.

If They Hung Around Waiting to Find Out Their Proper Owner.

A suit for damages was yesterday instituted against Sheriff Clemons and the American Straw Board company by the Second National bank of Winona, Minn.

The suit grows out of a seizure and sale of a car load of eggs consigned to John T. Porter, by the R. A. Foster company, of Winona, July 28 last.

Before the eggs reached the city they were made the subject of a foreign attachment at the instance of the American Straw Board company. The bank which held Porter's draft for the payment of the goods served notice on the sheriff not to interfere but the latter did not heed the notice and turned the goods over to W. W. Watson attorney for the American Straw Board company.

AN EARLY MORNING FIRE.

House Owned and Occupied by Thomas Malia Destroyed.

A frame building on Rockwell street, Providence, owned and occupied by Thomas Malia and his family, was entirely destroyed by fire at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. The loss is covered by insurance.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to have been occasioned by an overheated chimney. The fire started on the second floor and the noise it made awakened the inmates of the house who had barely time to escape with their lives.

An alarm was rung in from box 52 to which the Providence companies responded. They were not able to stay the progress of the flames, however.

CAN'T WAIT FOR APRIL 15.

Young Men from the Bellevue Section After Meadow Brook Trout.

Fish Warden Stillwell, of this district, has been informed that fishing is in practice and has been for several weeks in the trout waters on the east mountain. The Meadow brook is a favorite place. The fishers are young men who hail from the Bellevue flats and heights and several arrests will follow if names can be secured.

This week young men from the section named exhibited several trout which they caught in the Meadow Brook.

PRICE OF GAS IS REDUCED.

New Schedule Goes Into Effect on April 1 Next.

The Scranton Gas and Water company and the Hyde Park Gas and Water company announce that on and after April 1 the price of gas will be $1.25 per thousand cubic feet.

This price will also be subject to the following discounts: Five per cent. upon all bills where the consumption for the month amounts to less than $25; ten per cent. upon all bills where the consumption amounts to $25 and upwards, provided the bill is paid on or before the 20th of the month on which the bill is presented.

Harding's China Auction

and private sale will last only one week longer. Your last chance to buy goods below cost of manufacture. **

Steam Heating and Plumbing.

P. F. & M. T. Howley, 231 Wyoming ave. **

Pabst's Milwaukee Bock Beer, at Lohmann's, Spruce street. **

Tailor made fall suits and overcoats, latest styles, John Ross, 307 Spruce street. **

Opening of Spring Clothing.

All day and evening tomorrow. Lauer & Marks. **